

No one can

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ensuring a proper atmosphere for the opposition parties to join the polls.

Rizvi, however, said their party does not support any unruly activities or incidents of mob justice.

He called upon the interim government to remain alert and take steps to prevent the incidents of mob violence in the country.

The BNP leader also criticised the inaction of law enforcers in preventing such incidents.

He said the police stand silently on the court premises when unruly people attack detainees. "How can an accused be attacked there? The responsibility of providing security to the accused lies with the government."

Rizvi questioned whether the police are not properly carrying out their duties. "Are there still cohorts of fascism within the police who want to defame the Professor Muhammad Yunus-led interim government?"

He urged the interim government to address the matter with urgency and take decisive action.

The BNP leader also expressed concern over the spread of Covid-19, as both cases and deaths are gradually increasing.

He called upon the government to take necessary preventative measures.

State-appointed

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to defend Sheikh Hasina and former Gobindaganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Shakil Akanda Bulbul.

Social media users quickly pointed out a Facebook post Aminul had made on August 5 last year, shortly after Hasina was removed from office.

In the post, he called for her hanging, saying, "Want death by hanging of the destroyer of the spirit of the Liberation War, killer and liar Sheikh Hasina."

When asked by The Daily Star if he felt embarrassed to defend Hasina after making such a post, Aminul said he would still carry out his duty as a lawyer.

He claimed the contempt case was separate from the main allegations against her. "The prosecution is suggesting that during a certain conversation, there was an attempt to intimidate witnesses or obstruct justice. I will respond to that allegation," he said.

Regarding the controversial post, he added, "On August 5, 2024, the whole country was against Sheikh Hasina -- and so was I."

However, he insisted that he would now defend her professionally, adding, "I've been working with integrity for 36 years."

The case relates to a leaked phone call from last year in which Hasina was allegedly heard saying, "I have had 227 cases filed against me, so I have received a licence to kill 227 people." The audio clip circulated on social media and was later covered by mainstream media. The ICT considered the remark contemptuous.

The tribunal filed a contempt petition on April 30, accusing Hasina of making a statement that could obstruct justice. The hearing is scheduled for June 25.

'Bekar, Janata, Ngorik'

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movement), Jatiya Bhumihin Party (National Landless Party), and Forward Party.

Among the parties that have applied for registration with the EC in two phases, three have included the word 'Bekar' (Unemployed) in their names -- Bangladesh Bekar Mukti Parishad, Bangladesh Bekar Shamaj, and Bangladesh Bekar Shamaj-BABES.

The term "Chhatra-Janata" (Student People) has gained popularity since last year's July uprising led by students and the masses that toppled the Awami League-led government. However, only one party has used "Chhatra" in

its name -- Bangladesh Chhatra Janata Party.

The word "Janata" (People) appears in the names of 17 parties, including -- Jatiya Janata Party, Bangladesh Janata Party-BJP, Bangladesh Muktijuddha Janata Party, Janata Party of Bangladesh (JPB), Janata Dal, Janata Party Bangladesh, Bangladesh Janata Party, Bangladesh Chhatra Janata Party, Muslim Janata Party, Janata Congress Party, Bangladesh Trinamul Janata Party, Janata Kotha Bole, Shadhin Janata Party, AmJanata Dal, Bangladesh Janata Oikya, Shadharon Janata Party, and Janata Party of

Bangladesh.

Six parties have used the word "Ngorik" (Citizen) in their names. These are -- National Citizen Party (NCP), Bangladesh Ngorik Party, Bangladesh Ngorik Command, Bangladesh Ngorik Dal, Bangladesh Ngorik Andolan Party, and Ganatantrik (Democratic) Ngorik Shakti-DCP.

Other applicants for EC registration also include parties like -- Nucleus Party, Islami Ganatantrik Party, Bangladesh Ekator Party, Bangladesh Deshpremik Prajanna (Patriotic Generation), and Bangladesh Prabashi Kallyan Party (Expatriate Welfare Party).

The commission

Mob violence erodes

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political party and was captured on video and widely circulated on social media. Later, police took Nurul Huda into custody and formally arrested him in connection with the case.

The citizens criticised the inaction and leniency shown by law enforcement officers present during the incident and warned that if such acts go unpunished, they will pose serious threats to public safety and the constitutional rights.

They also stressed that normalising mob violence will further weaken the rule of law.

The signatories include Sultana Kamal, chairperson of Manababdhikar Sangskritik Foundation; Zi Khan Panna, senior lawyer; Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori; Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh; Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of BLAST; Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of CAMPE; Shamsul Huda, executive director of ALRD; Shireen Huq, member of Naripokkho; Shaheen Anam, executive

director of Manusher Jonno Foundation; and Samina Luthfa, professor at the University of Dhaka.

Meanwhile, in a separate statement, Shujan yesterday said it is deeply concerned about the wave of mob violence that began after the July uprising last year, which it said is now "spilling out of control".

Referring to the assault on Nurul Huda, Shujan said even if someone is accused of a crime, physically attacking them is a criminal offence under the penal code and a clear violation of the Constitution.

published the list of applicants in two phases on Monday.

On March 10, the EC invited applications from new political parties. By the April 20 deadline, 65 parties had submitted applications.

The EC has been registering political parties since 2008 under the Representation of the People Order, 1972.

A party must meet at least one of the three criteria to qualify for registration. They are -- winning at least one seat with its electoral symbol in any parliamentary election; securing at least five percent of the total votes cast in a constituency in a national election; or

having a functional central office, a central committee, and offices in at least one-third of the districts or 100 upazilas/metropolitan areas, with a minimum of 200 voters as members in each upazila.

Ahead of the 12th national election in January 2024, 93 parties applied for registration. After initial screening, the EC conducted field verification for 12 of them, including the Gono Odhikar Parishad and AB Party.

Of those 12, only two -- Bangladesh Nationalist Movement (BNM) and Bangladesh Supreme Party (BSP) -- were granted registration after resolving several objections.

Govt to amend CrPC

Franceschi is leading a Commonwealth delegation in Dhaka to engage with the interim government of Bangladesh.

China hopes

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key sectors including agriculture, industry, garments, healthcare, and infrastructure development.

He also sought China's assistance in narrowing the trade gap, adopting modern technology, and providing training for Bangladeshi workers.

BNP leaders said the meeting was held in a cordial and respectful atmosphere.

This was the second day of the BNP delegation's ongoing visit to China.

Two SUST

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Officials said that the event schedule includes planned gaps between programmes.

Further events are scheduled for July 5, July 7, and July 14.

The final day of the programme, August 5 -- referred to as the "36th of July" in the official schedule -- will feature the launching of a video titled "36 July", floral tributes at July Martyrs' Memorials in 36 district centres, a meeting between Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus and the families of the martyrs.

According to a complaint filed by the victim, on May 2, the accused took her to a mess in the Surma residential area, where they drugged and raped her.

Later on, June 19, she complained to the SUST proctor's office, and that evening, police detained both the accused. On June 20, she filed the case with Kotwali Police Station accusing the two and five unnamed others.

A 200-year-old hub

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Zahed Chowdhury, 65, a jackfruit trader with over 20 years of experience, spoke about the cyclical nature of the trade.

Sajjadur Rahman, 35, from Cumilla, recalled visiting the market with his father and grandfather. "They always said this is a 200-year old market."

"Despite challenges like fluctuating prices, shifting crop yields, and the growing trend of home gardening, the market continues to preserve a deep-rooted sense of community and tradition that has lasted for centuries," he added.

Zahed observed a trend

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